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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

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1. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING IS NEARING THE END OF ITS GENERAL DEBATE. DELEGATIONS ARE NOW SERIOUSLY FOCUSING ON THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK PROGRAM. THE G-77 HAVE PRODUCED A PAPER WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY. (TEXT OF SEPTEL.) IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTAIN SOME FEATURES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS THAT WE DISLIKE. PARTLY FOR THIS REASON THE EC-9 AND THE US DELEGATION DECIDED IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY PRUDENT FOR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HAVE INFORMAL TEXTS ON THE TABLE.

2. REPRODUCED IN PARA 3 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE US PAPER WHICH IS BASED ON THE REFTEL A INSTRUCTION AND THE US STATEMENT DELIVERED FEBRUARY 20 (REFTEL B). THE EC-9 PAPER IS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF THIS MESSAGE.

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3. QTE: US DELEGATION TO THE 2D SESSION OF THE AD HOC

COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM

WORKING PAPER: GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP

THE US DELGATION SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR ADOPTION BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AS GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

--THE MANDATE FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362 OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION;

--THE CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES BEARING ON THE OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY THE PROGRAS FINANCED BY THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM;

--THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MANY DELEGATIONS THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REORDERING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM, BUT THAT A SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE REORDERING WILL REQUIRE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION AND A DELIBERATE APPROACH, AND THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO ADDRESS CERTAIN BROAD ISSUES ONLY WHEN ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND CONDITIONS ARE PROPITIOUS;

--THE NEED, ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
-) TO ENSURE THAT THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS IS UNMISTAKABLY UNDERWAY; B) TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS TAKING ASERIOUS AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND C) TO PRODUCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONCRETE ACTIONS THIS YEAR WHICH WOULD BE INDISPUTABLY BENEFICIAL FOR THE OPERATING CAPACITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

--THE MANY ACTIVITIES RECENTLY COMPLETED, NOW UNDERWAY, OR SOON TO BEGIN, SUCH AS THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD, AND THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SERVE THE PURPOSES OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH, IN MANY CASES, ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE UNDERTAKINGS EMBRACED BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

1. DECIDES THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP, AS CALLED FOR BY A DECISION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TAKEN AT ITS FIRST SESSION, SHOULD OPERATE ON THE FOLLOWING TWO LEVELS:

A. THE FIRST LEVEL SHOULD INVOLVED THE XAMINATION OF OPTIONS REGARDING MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF AN EVENTUAL REORDERING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM AS A WHOLE; AND

B. THE SECOND LEVEL SHOULD CONSIST OF EXAMINING OPTIONS AND PREPARING ACTION PROPOSALS THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MIGHT AGREE TO RECOMMEND FOR ADOPTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 31ST SESSION, WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE OPERATING CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE BUT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE ULTIMATE FINDINGS OR RECOMMENDATIONS REGRADING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REORDERING OF THE SYSTEM;

2. DECIDES FURTHER THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE DECISIONS REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS, THE PROBLEM AREAS TO BE EXAMINED INITIALLY ON THE FIRST LEVEL SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND WORK METHODS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

B. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND WORK METHODS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

C. STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION;

D. RATIONALIZATION AND ENHANCED EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED NATIONS OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;

E. THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVEMENT OF INTERAGENCY COOPERATION;

3. DECIDES FURTHER, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE DECISIONS REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECTS FOR ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT THE SUBJECTS TO BE EXAMINED AT THE SECOND LEVEL SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED PERSONNEL SYSTEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING ACTION ON THIS MATTER AND THE STUDY COMPLETED BY THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

B. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RELATED TO THIS MATTER; AND

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C. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE AND INDEPENDENT
EVALUATION MECHANISM TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO GOVERNING BODIES
AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY ON THE EXTENT TO
WHICH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED, THE IMPACT OF
PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT
EFFORTS OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS
AND EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS BODIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR PROGRAM EXECUTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTENSIVE
CONSIDERATION RELATED TO THIS MATTER WITHIN THE COMMITTEE
ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION, THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT,
AND THE WORKING GROUP ON UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM AND BUDGET
MACHINERY. UNQTE.

4. QTE: INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS OF THE NINE DELEGATIONS OF THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY FOR:

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM AREAS WHICH WOULD
CONSTITUTE POINTS OF REFERENCE FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP;

WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING FIVE PROBLEMS AREAS:

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1) ECOSOC. MORE PARTICULARLY, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
SUB-DIVISIONS:

A) STRENGTHENING ITS COORDINATION AUTHORITY WITH
RESPECT TO GLOBAL POLICY FORMULATION AND SETTING OF PRIORITIES
FOR THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

B) REORGANIZATION OF ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK AND
CALENDAR OF SESSIONS AND REVISION OF THE PROCEDURES
FOR CONVENING SPECIAL SESSIONS;

C) ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF THE OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE BUREAU IN THE PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF THE SESSIONS
OF THE COUNCIL. PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THE
DELIBERATIONS.

D) ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2) SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL, AND IN PARTICULAR:

A) POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF THEIR NUMBER THROUGH, AS
APPROPRIATE, THE ELIMINATION OF SOME AND THE MERGING OF OTHERS;
B) REVIEW OF THE THEIR CALENDAR AND PROGRAMMES OF WORK,
AND THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT SESSIONS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.

3) PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING
HARMONIZATION OF MEDIUM TERM PLANS AND PROGRAMMES CARRIED
OUT BY THE SYSTEM.

4) OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM. THIS

AREA WOULD INCLUDE:

A) REVIEW OF THE EXISTING EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND,
IF APPROPRIATE, ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT EVALUATING
MACHINERY;
B) POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING VOLUNTARY FUNDS.

5) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION:

EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF THE A.C.C. AND POSSIBLE
CREATION OF NEW MACHINERY.

6) REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT.

THE WORK OF THIS POINT SHOULD START AND BE PHASED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON THE PRECEDING
ISSUES.

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